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Packers' Canned Goods Association. CINCINNATI, Feb. 10.-The Atlantic and the Western Packers' Canned Goods Association met in joint session to-day. After addresses by President Ballinger and E. H Palmer, papers were read by R. T. Scott, F. O. Conant, A. Brakeley and others, Congressman T. L. Bunting could not be resent to deliver his address. The afternoon was devoted to inspecting the machinery and exhibits at the exposition of Association of Machinery Suppliers. The Western association yesterday voted to hold its meeting hereafter separate from the machinery and supply men. This has caused such bitter feeling that no more efforts for amaigamation will be attempted.

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MR. BRUSH AT CHICAGO

CONFERS WITH MR. HART. And Later Discusses the Report that Indianapolis Is Trying to Get Into

the National League.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CHICAGO, Feb. 10 .- John T. Brush, with ais wife and two Indianapolis friends, occupied a box to-night at the Grand during Francis Wilson's production of "Half a King." The Indiana magnate admitted that he had talked baseball with Mr. Hart before he came to the theater, but said he was not prepared to divulge the subject. Concerning the talk of Indianapolis get-W. and B. & O. lines | ting into the league, Mr. Brush said: "In baseball, as in other things, people sometimes imagine things. A little while back some people in Indianapolis imagined that the Louisville club could be bought out and made an effort to get her franchise for Indianapolis. I believe such a thing is not possible. However, I will say this: Indianapolis has a large class of people who are interested in baseball-more so proporof league ball, and naturally would be glad to have it served as a regular thing. Disinterestedly. I really believe that Indianapolis, with Sunday games, would be a good city for the National League. The facilities for reaching the ball grounds are the best afforded in any city in the United States. You can get there from any part of town or from any suburb for five cents and can get there in a hurry. Mr. Brush says that he will remain in

> denies that he will buy the St. Louis club. Indiana's Champion Won.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 10 .- The third an individual match between Winston and Murphy at twenty-five selected pigeons, twenty-five yards rise, one barrel, for \$25 a side. The miss-and-out contest was won by Powers, who scored 20 straight. The individual score resulted: Winston, 22; Murphy, 20.

Louisville to Train at West Baden. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WEST BADEN, Ind., Feb. 10,-The Louisville Baseball Club will train at West Baden. They are due to arrive here March making final arrangements. Twenty players, President Pulliam and the manager

# \$1,000,000 INVOLVED.

Sny Levee Case Decided by Judge Allen, of the Federal Court.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 10.-In the Inited States Circuit Court to-day Judge The Sny levee was constructed along the the Legislature in 1871, and bonds were isbonds were sold to Francis W. Palms, of Detroit, Mich., and others. The land owners refused to pay the bonds and the case went to court. The Supreme Court in 1876 declared the law under which the bonds were issued unconstitutional, but Judge Drummond, in the Federal Court in this city, in 1880, in the case of Palms and others against the commissioners of levee district, held the bonds a lien on the land, Palms's executors brought suit to enforce this judgment, but Judge Allen decided the case to-day in favor of the land owners. There are about one thousand defendants and the amount of bonds and interest involved was about one million dollars.

Telephone Patent Decision. CHICAGO, Feb. 10 .- Judge Showalter, in United States Circuit Court, to-day handed down a decision in the case of in full, with no deductions whatever for the Western Telephone Construction Comfine or fees. This is no experiment. The pany, finding in favor of the defendants. Suit was brought against the Western Telephone Construction Company for an alleged infringement on the Watson telephone switch, a device doing away with the call

> Bell Rung by an Earthquake. BRIGHAM CITY, Utah, Feb. 10.-At the heaviest earthquake shock ever experienced in this valley. It was so severe that the bell in the courthouse tapped five or six times. The shock was felt as far north

bell. Judge Showalter held that the switch

bodied in the prior Watson and Roosevelt

was no novelty, the same idea being em-

## as Logan. VERDICT OF EXPERTS

Mrs. Bradley-Martin's Guests Relieved Their Thirst by Drinking Moet & Chandon Champagne.

ers was so strong that it was decided to "four hundred," unmarked samples of all the leading champagnes, and thus it came about that those who, by their taste and experience, are the qualified judges of that served at this great event.

ALL PREVIOUS FUNCTIONS ECLIPSED BY MRS. BRADLEY-MARTIN.

of Louis the Grand, or His Many French Namesakes.

WEARING COSTUMES THAT COST THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

Waldorf Hotel Aglow with Electric

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 .- Beautiful beyond description was the ball masque of Mrs. Bradley-Martin to-night. Columns have been written about the affair and pictures have been drawn, but the fancy of the reporter and the artist did not picture scenes one-half as lovely as were presented in the Waldorf. For weeks Mrs. Martin has worked in the preparation of the sumptuous affair. Her efforts were richly rewarded. The bitter criticisms hurled at her were ent yied with making her the happiest wo-

ready beautiful hotel into an enchanting fairy house. The arrangements for the ball were tested to their fullest, but, with excellent good fortune, they were equal to every crowded the streets around the hotel, but Detectives swarmed in and around the house to prevent trouble, but their presence

The costumes were exquisite. All the great men and women of the last three centuries were represented. Arrayed, costly beyond the dream of the originals, were the men and women who appeared to-night ladies and gentlemen of the olden periods. At midnight the great ball was at its height. All society was there gathered to portray the regal splendor of past grandeur never before equaled in this Courtiers of old of every clime mingled with grand dames and ladies, kings and queens, princes and princesses, but here and there the old spirit of loyalty had manifested itself in the presence of colonial men and women of the old and

quaint days of America. ALL PREVIOUS BALLS ECLIPSED. Great social functions of the past in this town were eclipsed-even the memorable Vanderbilt ball of 1883, with which since then all other affairs have seemed to suffer in comparison. For lavish expenditure, for artistic decorations and surroundings, for a reflection of the most picturesque episodes in old world history, and a gathering of the fairest and the richest in the new world Chicago until Friday. He speaks encouragingly of the general baseball outlook and life, the ball to-night marked an epoch. It was more than a mile post in New York's

history; it was the event of a decade. Months of preparations and the outlay of hundreds of thousand of dollars were exhausted in five hours. It was very fashionable. Men and women traveled across the continent for the honor of being pressaic hotel was transformed into a "beautiful Arunda palace," where the inmates live enchanted lives, lapped in soft music of adulation, waited on by the splendors of the world. New York society was seemingly picked up and deposited in Versailles amid

the glory of the court of Louis XV. As many as fifty dinners preceded the ball. Every coterie that makes up swelldom had a dinner. Those who were going to the ball appeared in their fancy gowns they will wear but once, and in their jewinvited in to admire. After the friends beauty and gorgeousness of it all should not be lost to future generations.

Arrangements for receiving the guests as they arrived were as nearly perfect as could be. The guests alighted from the carriages at No. 13 West Thirty-third street, which is the private residence of Manager Bolat, Louis XV, and before the dais passed the counterfeit presentments of all the prominent people of that time, to mingle in picdays. After being received by the hostess, opy of rare tapestry, the guests passed through a flower-lined corridor directly

QUADRILLE D'HONNEUR. In the early portion of the evening dane-All money deposited may be withdrawn ing the Bell Telephone Company, against Bradley-Martin and she had been escorted ball was declared formally opened. In the by a flourish of trumpets as Mrs. Bradley-Martin and her escort, Mr. John Jacob Astor, entered the room. A moment later, when they had taken their places at the head of the room, there was another flourish of the trumpets which told that the Quadrille d'Honneur, arranged by Mrs William Astor, was about to open. The forming for the first figure, "the salute." was like the turning of pages of history. The characters gathered from all There was Mrs. Bradley-Martin, wearing a Marie Stuart costume, copied from an old plate of that Queen's time; Mrs. John Jacob Astor in a Louis VI court costume; Mr. J. Townsend Martin, as a cavalier of the court of Louis XIII, and Mrs. Henry Lohrin in Louis XV From another section of the room came Mrs. Orme Wilson, looking picturesque in a Louis XVI court dress of white and silver brocade, which followed Mrs. Whitney Warren, wearing a costume style of the time of Louis XV. Mr. Lispenard Stewart closely followed his partner, Mrs. Whitney Warren, dressed as a cavalier of the court of Louis XIII. The others of the sixteen who took their places in this quadrille were: Mrs. Lee Trailer, Mr. Craig Wadsworth, Miss Gerry, Mr. Conter Hitchcock, Miss Lena Morton, Mr. B. Van Alen, Miss Madeline Cutting,

night. Far beyond these characters of action, about them on either side, were the rich laces, the glittering gems and all that went to make up the historically represented personages of the ball, the whole backgrounded by the natural flowers—the lights and the ferns.

HOW THE SALUTE WAS DANCED. In this way the "salute" was danced: Mrs. Fish and Mr. Van Cortland took their positions behind Mrs. Bradley-Martin and Mr. Astor. Miss Gerry and Mrs. Warren walked up to a position in front of Mrs. Bradley-Martin and Mr. Astor. They were followed by Mr. Martin and Mr. Stewart. Then the side couples approached in a similar way, four at a time, leaving an alsle in the center. Mr. Astor and Mrs. Bradley-Martin promenading down the ALL NEW YORK'S 400 THERE alsie, the other dancers bowing, then following in twos, then all returning to their original positions. As when two hundred years ago, when the Quadrille d'Honneur was danced at court where the king and was danced at court where the king and Queen took part in it, they were accorded due and proper honor. so to-night Mrs. Bradley-Martin and Mr. Astor were given that honor as king and queen of the night. In those old days, too, the crown prince and princess stood beside the King and Queen at the head of the quadrille, so in this set these places were given to Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mr. Robt. Van Cortlandt. After the first measure followed "the figure" and "the honor," both of which were more

The second quadrille, which had been organized by Mrs. F. L. Baylies, was danced by Mrs. Ogden Mills, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., Mrs. Henry Sloane, Miss Edth Morton, Miss Van Rensselaer, Messrs. Alfonso de Navarro, H. D. Robbins and Worthington White-

The cotillion, which was led by Mr Elisha Dyer, jr., was the event which had been looked forward to by the younger guests, and there were nearly two hundred served throughout the evening it was not until after 1 o'clock, at the conclusion of Mrs. Bronson's quadrille, that the regular supper began. This was served at small tables in the winter garden, but this place and white lilacs were banked so high that the guests seemed to eat from the top of a flower bed. Beyond the tables and from another were decorations of spring flowers-tulips, Illacs and rare blossoms-to make the place a bower of beauty and The costumes of the eight hundred more guests were exquisite in the extreme and made a picture of rare beauty.

## TRAGEDY ON THE STAGE

ARMAND CASTELMARY DROPS DEAD FROM HEART DISEASE.

Was Singing the Role of Tristano "Martha" Before a Fashionable Audience at New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 .- Armand Castelmary, while singing the role of Tristano, in Flotow's opera of "Martha" at the Metropolitan Opera House to-night, dropped dead in front of the footlights and almost in full view of one of the most brilliant audiences that has filled the theater this winter. So quiet was the matter kept, however, that few in the audience knew that a tragedy had taken place before their very

Castelmary, whose magnificent basso voice has thrilled thousands, was to sing the part of Tristano, who is represented as a weak old man. It was near the end of the second scene of the first act. All the principals, including Miss Marie Engle, Edouard DeReszke and Signor Cremonini, were on the stage. The chorus was dancing and singing around the aged Tristano, when Castelmary fell to the floor. Little attention was paid to this, and in a moment the singer arose to his feet and his great voice could be heard above the united chorus. In two minutes Castelmary darted towards a table at one side of the stage and grasped hold of it. The curtain was shot down swiftly, and just as it reached the stage Castelmary dropped to the floor with a groan. In a moment Jean de Reszke, who was a lifelong friend of Castelmary, seized the stricken singer in his arms. He was unconscious and died in a few minutes

Jean de Reszke had a presentiment that something would occur to his friend tothe opera house, though he was not in the cast. It was the first time he had done so this season. He was watching the singer when he fell and rushed to his side. The audience was told that Castelmary was ill. The dead singer was born in Paris, in 1830. His name was Armand de Caston. When ne went on the stage he took his mother's name of Castelmary. His first appearance n this country was, in 1879, with Max Strakosch, when he played in French opera in New Orleans. He was known for many years as the "Black Mephisto" in Faust.

# FOOD FOR THE FAMISHING.

Californians Want a Steamship Transport Grain to India. NEW YORK, Feb. 10 .- The following telegram was last night received by Hon. M. H. De Young, who is at the Waldorf, from the committee at San Francisco, which is soliciting grain and other supplies for the starving people in India: "Irving M. Scott and committe of fifty desire your influence with secretary of navy at Washington, D. C., that he may charter a steamship and take the gifts of grain now coming from many States to Calcutta, India. Railroads give free transportation. Please wire answer, care Chamber of Commerce, to Coumbian Banking Company, treasurer of the famine fund. Mills building Mr. De Young has sent this telegram to he generosity of all nations. The State of California and other States are contribut-

free transportation. The committee of fifty San Francisco having this matter in charge request me to ask you and through you the government of the United States to furnish a steamship to take these generous gifts to relieve suffering India. Our government in previous years has been forenost in extending succor to the distressed of other nations. Kindly answer whether the appeal of the committee can be

Lord Hamilton's Statement.

LONDON, Feb. 10 .- Lord George Hamilton, the secretary of state for India, in a speech to-day at Harrow-on-the-Hill, upon the subject of the famine in India, said that the critics told the government officials that they ought to purchase food at wholesale rates for the purpose of forcing than in England. He said that he understood that a very considerable portion of the California imports of wheat was likely to be reshipped from India to England at an actual loss. Lord Hamilton said that he, as well as the viceroy of India, the Earl of Elgin, had studied the subject carefully and they had arrived at the conclusion that there was sufficient food in India, taken in connection with the spring crop, to carry

on the people there. Asphyxiated in Their Room. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 10.-Hugh Halpin and Charles Lehman, of Scotia, Neb., were asphyxiated in their room at the Palmer House here last night, but whether accidentally or premeditated y is not known. They were found dead in their room with the scene was the most beautiful of the returned a verdict of suicide.

EXISTENCE OF THE WINDOW-GLASS

"COMBINE" THREATENED.

Forced to Abolish the Rebate System and Go Back to Old Dead-Level Prices to Reduce Stocks.

STEEL RAILS NOW IN DEMAND

HEAVY BUYING REPORTED AS A RE SULT OF THE DROP IN PRICE.

Cause of the Dissolution of the Pool-Last Year a Bad One for the Illinois Steel Company.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.-The existence of the Window-glass Trust is seriously threatened and it is probable that two organizations that have dictated prices since their organization-the Western Window-glass Company and the Pittsburg Window-glass couples in it. Mr. Dyer appeared as Fran- Company-will have to materially change cis I in a rich costume, consisting of a cloak of royal purple velvet, lined with violet satin and embroidered with gold.

their policy or they will no longer be able to dictate prices as formerly. During the to dictate prices as formerly. During the While there were light refreshments past month these companies have been holding meetings in order to come to an agreement with the jobbers on a satisfacmeeting a conference was held with the they had gone into a plan that would offer them no relief. The jobbers held their producing, with the result that they now have an accumulation of stock which the

> turers for their supplies. Alarmed at this condition of affairs, the Western Window-glass Company and the Pittsburg Company called a meeting of the executive committee at the Auditorium Annex to-day, at which it was decided to abolish the rebate system entirely and go back be made on carload and less than carload lots and two thousand and five thousand boxes, which will be good until Feb. 28, after which a raise of 2½ per cent, will be

jobbers will not touch, while the jobbers

themselves are looking to foreign manufac-

THE COLLAPSED POOL.

Steel Rails in Great Demand-Carnegie Flooded with Orders.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 10.-The collapse the rail pool has also produced the heaviest negie Steel Company was kept busy answering telegrams, quoting prices and booking orders, until to-night the largest number of in a satisfactory condition and the outlook orders ever booked in one day had been noted and accepted by the firm. The orders received by this firm to-day are alone sufficient to operate the Edgar Thomson plant for a twelve month. The Carnegie Company quoted rails at \$17.50 early in the day and later cut this to \$17. This is a clean Carnegies were the head of the pool, and when the other firms refused to abide longer by the pool price of \$26 per ton the latter took up the implied challenge of contest and proceeded to strike back. It is announced that behind the Carnegies are the Rockefeller interests, which control the iron ore production in the country, and by the present agreement the Carnegie-Rockefeller rust represents over \$100,000,000.

Why the Pool Broke.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 .- The Evening Post says: "An interesting account of the direct causes which precipitated the rupture in the steel rail pool announced at Pittsburg yesterday was given to-day by a person familiar with the situation. Representatives of two of the largest mills met in Chicago on Monday to agree on rates governing business in a particular section of the country and decided upon \$20 as a basis price for certain transactions. Just at that time some large contracts came into the market and one of the concerns interested was offered profitable business at a lower figure Rumors of cutting in various directions were current at the time, so the tempting offer was accepted and an order aggregatprice said to be in the neighborhoood of \$17 a ton. This necessitated, of course, the known. Orders were taken in this city yes- stirring up more or less opposition. the mill, and local agents of one of the largest concerns are said to be anxious to open market prevails. It is not possible at this time to state just what effect prevailing prices will have upon outstanding contracts amounting to more than \$1,000,000 have been made by some of the railways though some of them are binding at those figures it is thought likely that many orders will be delivered at a lower rate by mills anxious to hold the patronage of good customers. Whatever settlement is reached, situation, it is thought, will not disturb immediately the market for street-car rails. and the large contracts recently given by local companies are not likely to be af-

Big Contracts at \$21.50.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 .- Notwithstanding th alleged dissolution of the steel combination, President Gates, of the Illinois Steel Company, claims to have just closed contracts for about \$4,000,000 worth of rails at about \$21.50. Mr. Gates says he is unable as yet to define his position in regard to the Carnegie-Rockefeller combination. The South months, and it is said that the company now has orders on hand sufficient to keep its mills running for over six months to come. All Illinois steel mills will resume full forces next week. The Illinois Central Railroad, taking ad

vantage of the break in prices, has placed orders with different mills for fifty thou sand tons of steel rails for delivery during 1897. Of these orders forty-five thousand tons went to the Illinois Steel Company, at

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 10 .- The heavy land were thrown into commotion by the breaking up of the steel pool. They generally hold that the recent events and the fact that the bottom has dropped out of the At the same time there is a feeling that business will adjust itself on a new basis and be stimulated by the recent upbeavais. Cleveland dealers deny that the price of rails has gone below \$17. The Cleveland Rolling Mili Company, named as a mem-ber of the pool, is such merely by subsidy, no rails having been made by it for several

Commotion at Cleveland.

Manufacturers of Tea Kettles. BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 10 .- Manufacturers of tea kettles held a convention in Buf falo to-day. Most of the morning was spent

an agreement to put up prices on their wares, but they say they do not expect to

**DEFICIT OF \$349,399.** 

Bad Showing Made by the Illinois Steel Company. CHICAGO, Feb. 10 .- As a result of the

business done in 1896 the Illinois Steel Company showed a deficit of \$34,399. The annual meeting of the company was held to-day and a statement presented to stockholders showing the year's operations, with this as one of the results. H. H. Porter and Jay C. Morse, directors of the company, retired at to-day's meeting. In place of Mr. Morse and Mr. Porter there were chosen Isaac L. Ellwood, of De Kalb, Ill., and Cornelius C. Cuyler, of New York, a member of the firm of Cuyler, Morgan & Co. H. A. Gray resigned as secretary and treasurer and William H. Thompson, the former cashier of the company, was made treasurer. A committee was appointed to be known as the finance committee, which will have supervision of the general finances of the corpor-

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year, there being no opposition ticket in the field: Nathaniel Thayer, Francis Bartlett, Francis L. Higginson,
Boston; Morgan Eitch, New Bedford, Mass.; A. J. Forbes-Leith, London; Marshall Field, Norman Williams,
William L. Brown, John W. Gates, Chicago; Isaac L. Ellwood, De Kalb, Ill.; Cornelius C. Cuyler, New York. The directors elected the following offi-cers: President, John W. Cates; first vice

president, Charles H. Foote; second vice president, William P. Palmer; secretary, William A. Green; treasurer, William H. Thompson. Executive committee, William L. Brown, Marshall Field, Nathaniel Thay-President Gates in his annual report said the year had been a very unsatisfactory one. In April last there were orders on the

books for over 500,000 tons product, and twothirds of the ores required for the year's tory basis. At the last regular monthly cago convention following the Venezuelan the President-elect and Vice Presidentwere exquisite. American beauties, lilies and the rarest of imported blossoms with vines and palms were intertwined in a marparalysis of business, and four of the five Notwithstanding the stagnation, however, the company sold and delievered 33 per cent. of all rails used in the United States during that period and sufficient orders are now the system. The manufacturers went on on the books to absorb the entire inventory of material on hand.

New York Biscuit Company.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 .- At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the New York Biscuit Company held this afternoon reports were presented showing that the earns ings for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, were equivalent to 6.2 per cent, on the capital stock of \$9,000,000. President Evans made a brief address to the stockholders in which he stated that the actual net earnings of to the old dead-level prices. A rate will the company for the year, after deducting all fixed charges, were \$558,060. There has been charged off from the surplus account \$306,445, of which \$253,050 represented the inthe balance depreciation. Bills payable had been reduced on Jan. 1 to \$770,034, and since that date there had been a further reduction of \$50,000, leaving a total now of \$720,034, against \$1,100,000 on Aug. 1 last. Under the operation of the sinking fund the company has retired bonds to the extent of \$60,000. President Evans stated that the company owns improved rear estate worth from \$200. 000 to \$250,000 and which may be disposed buying on record. All of to-day the Car- of as soon as the market improves and the finances applied to the further reduction of the company's indebtedness. The general affairs of the company were declared to be

> as very favorable. American Cereal Company.

AKRON, O., Feb. 10.-The annual meeting of the Americal Cereal Company was held here to-day. There were over one hundred stockholders present, and 24,000 shares of stock were represented. Treasurer Robert Stuart, of Chicago, made his annual report. It showed the net earnings of the company to have been \$267,000, of which \$167,000 was added to the surplus dividend and \$100,000 paid out in dividends. was quite a fight over the election of directors, but the Schumacher faction came out ahead and the following directors were F. Schumacher, Chicago; H. P. Crowell, Chicago; Hugo Schumacher, Akron, O.; M. O. Hower, Akron; C. L. Newell, Cleveland; J. H. Andrews, Akron; S. Coldren, Iowa City, Ia.; G. E. Cliffords, Fitchburg, Mass., and Hon. George Crouse, Akron. Robert Stuart, of Chicago, was the anti-Schumacher candidate for a director, but Mr. Crouse defeated him by will be held in Chicago on March 2.

## CRUEL MICHIGAN PREACHER

Killed Cats in the Pulpit to Show Effects of Nicotine.

CADILLAC, Mich., Feb. 10 .- The unusual methods of Rev. W. L. Laufman, pastor of the Methodist Church, of this city, in conducting a revival which has been in progress for several weeks, are attracting considerable comment and criticism. The revival meetings have been very successful, gathered in, and the interest in the meetman has strongly condemned dancing, card soon as the transaction became generally playing and all kindred amusements, thus terday at a basis price of \$20 for rails at last scheme is the holding of Sunday afternoon meetings for men only, at which he do as much business as possible while an lectures on social and other evils to which young men 'are exposed. One week ago Sunday he spoke on "Social Purity," and tracts. Within the last few weeks con- made rather sensational charges in regard to the young people of the city. Last Sunat prices averaging \$23 or \$25 a ton, and al- day he took for his subject the evil effects demonstrate these effects by practical experiments on live cats. A large crowd assembled to watch the proceedings, and were duly rewarded by the execution of two however, losses are inevitable. The present large felines by the administration of nicotine in liquid form.

The poison was administered by Dr. C. I Miller by being placed on the tongue of the animal. Dr. Miller gave a short talk on the scientific features of the experiment, and Rev. Mr. Laufman spoke very forcibly in applying the lessons of the death scene, punctuating the dying struggles of the poissmoker, as well as constitute a terrible warning to the youthful devotee of the weed. All who attended the meeting agree that the experiment and the application were exceedingly striking, but to many the cruelty of the proceeding made it revolt-

ing. There is an immense amount of dis cussion over the affair. Many people condemn in the strongest terms the performance of the minister as cruel, barbarous and disgusting, while his claim that the end to be reached justified the means. Considerable feeling has been stirred up, and criminal prosecution for cruelty to animals has been hinted at. Next Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Laufman advertises to take up the effects of alcohol on the human system, and announces that he will have on exhibition the stomach of a drunkard, taken from the body of a victim of strong drink. Future developments are watched for with interest.

SHOT TO KILL.

Bloody Work of an Illinois Cook, Who

Is "Ready to Be Hanged." Young, cook at the American Hotel, this ously wounded Miss Anna Weiasenahl, of refused to go sleigh-riding with him last ten blocks, shooting all the while, and only surrendered when his ammunition gave out, He says he shot to kill and is ready to be

Domestic Double Tragedy.

GALESBURG, Ill., Feb. 10.-Meagre pariculars of a domestic tragedy at London Mills, eighteen miles south of here, to-day, are that Leroy Thurman, in a moment of which is best, selected the brand of Moet | Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish. As these partners | all the gas jets open full. The coroner's | the past year. Copper has gone from 101/2 | anger over his wife applying for a divorce, & Chandon, which was the only champagne | waited for the opening bars of the music | jury could obtain no light on the case and | to 12 cents within the past three months | shot her and then himself. Mrs. Thurman and the manufacturers would like to make may recover, but Thurman will die.

ELECTORAL VOTES DULY COUNTED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE,

And the Election of William McKinley and Garret A. Hobart Pro-

claimed by the Joint Convention,

INTERESTING CEREMONY

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Tilden Count of 20 Years Ago.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. - The electoral votes of the forty-five States of the Union were formally counted at the joint session of the House and Scnate held to-day for that purpose, and Vice President Stevener. A. J. Forbes-Leith, John W. Gates. son proclaimed the election of McKinley Finance committee, William L. Brown, A. and Hobart as President and Vice Presi-J. Forbes-Leith and John W. Gates. dent, respectively. The vote for President, as announced, was: McKinley, 271; Bryan, 176. For Vice President: Hobart, 271; Sewall, 149; Watson, 27. The announcement of business. But the action of the July Chi- the state of the vote is the only notification elect will receive. No official communica-

Although the sky was overcast, the weather was auspicious and the galleries of the Hall of Representatives were thronged. The general public besieged the doors in vain, as but small space was reserved for them. Many distinguished personages witnessed the count, among them Embassador Patenotre and Chancellor Bouve of the French embassy, Mr. Chung of the Chinese delegation, Baron Von Thellman, Secretary Matsu of the Japanese legation, Viscount Thyrso of the Portuguese legation, and Sir Richard Cartwright of the Canadian government. No member of

President Cleveland's family was present. A cordon; of blue-coated, brass-buttoned police hedged about the senators as they marched majestically over to the House, preceded by Vice President Stevenson and Mr. Cox, secretary of the Senate, with the returns locked in a cherry-colored box. This guarding of the returns was a precaution first taken by acting Vice President Ferry, of Michigan, twenty years ago, during the wild excitement attending the Tilden-Hayes contest in anticipation of a possible raid. As the House and Senate sat in joint session to-day and listened quietly to the count those stirring days were recalled. Of fifteen men who sat on the famous electoral commission which decided that contest by peaceful means Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, was the only one present to-day. The others, excepting Justice Field, have all retired from public life or have

passed away. ONLY SEVENTEEN LEFT. The vicissitudes of political fortune in two short decades have removed all but seventeen of those who then sat at either end of the Capitol. Most of the seventeen survivors were conspicuous to-day in the joint assemblage. Two of them, Senator Sherman, who is so soon to be called to the first place in the McKinley Cabinet, and Senator Morrill, of Vermont, author of the war tariff, entered public life together forty years ago. The others were Senators Teller of Colorado, Gordon of Georgia, Allison of Iowa, Cockrell of Missouri, Mitchell of Oregon, and Senators Hale and Frye of Maine, Burrows of Michigan, Mills of Texas, Blackburn of Kentucky and Elkins of West Virginia, who were then in the House. Vice President Stevenson was also a member of the House at that time. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, who lost one term, and Mr. Culberson, of Texas, alone survived in the House the mutations of twenty years, although Mr. Danford, of Ohio, who was a member of that Congress, is also a member

of the present body. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who managed the Democratic and Populistic campa were present, but did not appear to take a deep interest in the count. Promine also in the sea of faces was white-haired Senator Palmer, of Illinois, who headed the gold Democratic ticket last fall. The count itself was of a very formal character. Vice President Stevenson sat at the side of Speaker Reed and presided over

the joint session. Senators Lodge and Blackburn on the part of the Senate and Messrs. Grosvenor and Richardson on hehalf of the House acted as tellers. The returns were opened by the Vice President and announced by the tellers. The reading of the certificates, long in verbiage, was omitted after that of Alabama had been point during the count, but when the Vice result there was a round of applause on the floor and in the galleries. Senator Lodge raised a laugh in announcing the vote of Missouri. He gave it by mistake to McKinley. On the announcement of the vote of Connecticut there was some con fusion in the gallery opposite the speaker's chair caused by the fainting of a lady. She was promptly carried into the corridor.

BEFORE THE COURT. Although the ceremonies were not to begin until 1 o'clock the galleries were thrown open to the fortunate possessors of tickets at 10 o'clock and within half an hour all the galleries except those reserved for the diplomatic corps and the President were packed to the doors and many ladies in gay toilets were present. The hall made a brilliant setting for the impressive scene Above, through stained glass, which filled the interstices of the high fretted ceiling shone the escutcheons of the various States, while the decorations of gray and gold relieved the dark spaces above the densely crowded galleries. The crowds in the galleries were in the best of humor as they waited for the ceremonies to begin, while on the floor the members good-naturedly exchanged salutations. The Democrats, who four years ago laughed at the exp of their political adversaries, to-day had the tables turned upon then:

Exactly at 12 o'clock Speaker Reed, clad in a long black frock coat, ascended the rostrum and, standing in front of the bright American flag which draped the wal in his rear, with one sharp rap of his gave subdued the countless babel of voices. Rev. Couden, the blind chaplain, seemed impressed with the spirit of the occasion and delivered an inspiring prayer. Many of the spectators rose and stood with nal was begun the babel broke forth again only to be interrupted with a sharp round of applause from the Republicans as Mr. Dingley, chairman of the committee on ways and means and the floor leader of the House, walked down the alsle to his seat. When the reading was concluded some routine matters in which the spectators were in no wise interested was transacted

to kill time until the event of the day was Shortly before 1 o'clock the members of the Senate left their chamber at the north side of the Capitol and walked across to the House, passing through the vast rotunda and old Hall of Representatives, now Statuary Hall, where the civic and martial heroes of the States looked down upon them. Their approach was heralded by the entrance of Colonel Richard J. Bright, the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, who announced "The Senate of the United States." Then the solemn procession filed in, pre ceded by Mr. Cox, clerk of the Senate and the speaker's desk, which had been vacated for that purpose during the recess. The hanged. The hotel is in the center of the members of the House rose and remaine standing while the senators took their places. The assistant of Mr. Cox carried the red cherry steel-clasped box in which

the returns of the forty-five States reposed. THE FOUR TELLERS. presided over the joint session, took his place by the side of Speaker Reed. The tellers, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts